## **CLAIMS**

## What is claimed is:

- A system for providing exception handling for a computer program,
  - 2 comprising:
  - 3 means for establishing a plurality of classes of exception types;
  - 4 means for capture an exception;
- 5 means for providing an exception notice for the exception.
- The system of claim 1, further comprising:
- 2 means for determining the exception type.
- 1 3. The system of claim 2, wherein said determining means further
- 2 comprises:

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- 3 means for using an exception dictionary to determine the exception type.
  - The system of claim 1, further comprising:
- 2 means for continuing processing of the computer program if the exception type
- 3 of the exception is a valadation exception.
- 1 5. The system of claim 1, further comprising:
- 2 means for propagating the exeception to a central place if the exception type of
- 3 the exception is not a valadation exception..

- 1 6. A method for providing exception handling for a computer program, said
  2 method comprising steps of:
  3 establishing a plurality of classes of exception types;
  4 capture an exception;
- 5 providing an exception notice for the exception.
- The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of:
   determining the exception type.
- The method of claim 7, wherein said determining step further comprises:
   using an exception dictionary to determine the exception type.
- 1 9. The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of:
  2 continuing processing of the computer program if the exception type of the
  3 exception is a valadation exception.
- 1 10. The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of:
  2 propagating the exception to a central place if the exception type of the
  3 exception is not a valadation exception.

- 1 11. A computer readable medium for providing exception handling for a
- 2 computer program, comprising:
- 3 logic that establishes a plurality of classes of exception types;
- 4 logic that captures an exception;
- 5 providing an exception notice for the exception.
- 1 12. The computer readable medium of claim 11, further comprising:
- 2 logic that determines the exception type.
- The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the logic that
   determines step further comprises:
- 3 logic that uses an exception dictionary to determine the exception type.
- 1 14. The computer readable medium of claim 13, further comprising:
- 2 logic that continues processing of the computer program if the exception type of
- 3 the exception is a valadation exception.
- 1 15. The computer readable medium of claim 14, further comprising:
- 2 logic that propagates the exeception to a central place if the exception type of the
- 3 exception is not a valadation exception.

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1	16. A system for providing exception handling for a computer program,
2	comprising:
3	a class creator that establishes a plurality of classes of exception types;
4	an exception capture mechanism that captures an exception;
5	an exception notice generator that generates an exception notice for the
6	exception.
1	17. The system of claim 16, further comprising:
2	an exception determination mechanism that determines the exception type of the
3	exception.
1	18. The system of claim 17, wherein the exception determination mechanism
2	uses an exception dictionary to determine the exception type.
1	19. The system of claim 16, further comprising:
2	a processing mechanism that continues processing of the computer program if
3	the exception type of the exception is a valadation exception.

a processing mechanism that continues processing of the computer program if

The system of claim 16, further comprising:

the exception type of the exception is not a valadation exception.